



President's Message

As we roll into 2026, here is the resolution your MVA staff has made: Continue to provide the best experiences we can for our MVA members and guests. To that end, we present the following:

We are moving back to the place where we started - except now it is called Eddie's Bar & Grill, same location as Fat Cat, but under new ownership. We are also changing the socials from first Wednesday to first Tuesday starting in February. Check page 8 for full details.

We are expanding our local concert schedule. These tribute shows are great entertainment and we don't have to drive forever to get there. Watch the newsletter for information on each of these events. (limited availability)

We will sponsor two picnics in 2026. These events are well attended and give us an opportunity to meet in the great outdoors and enjoy our beautiful Florida climate

How about a Rays game in the rebuilt Tropicana Field? We will be sending a group there in July.

What are *your* ideas for member events? We would love to hear your thoughts as we finalize our plans. Please use the Suggestions form on the minnregs.com website. <https://form.jotform.com/231204467596056>

February is the love month, so the theme for our February luncheon (on the 18th) will be Valentines Day. So red will be the color of the day and romance will be in the air. Our guest speaker will be our own Mark Wolf who will update us on the state of crypto. Should be very enlightening, indeed.

One last thing - please pay attention to the information we share in the email blasts and this newsletter. We try to keep all of you informed of all our goings-on this way. It also keeps you from showing up at the wrong place or at the wrong time to our events.

If you are reading this and are the first to email the word "semiquincentennial" to info@minnregs.com, you will receive a gift card at the February luncheon.



First Wednesday Social January 7



80 MVA members and guests rang in the new year at Quaker Steak & Lube in Pinellas Park at our first social of the year. Starting in February, the socials will change venue and return to the place we used to gather before we moved to Quaker Steak. The tavern that used to be called Fat Cat is under new ownership and a new name - Eddies Bar & Grill. Same location in Largo - 3665 East Bay Drive. We will also be changing the day of the week for our socials to Tuesday. Please make a note of this change in your planner or calendar. See you at Eddies Bar & Grill on February 3 - doors open at 4.





First Wednesday Social January 7



*"Bad Boys Table" - Jeff Ring, Bob Dalton,
Jerry Dangler, Bryan Martinez, Larry Trefz,
Al Parisi*



*Al Shields with "the Shirleys",
Murphy and Bowers*



Bryan Martinez, Larry Trefz, Al Parisi



Paul & Faith Krahrmer



*Deb Dupper, Jeff Ring,
Bob Dalton, Jerry Dangler*



John Voissem, Gayle Smith



Dick & Patsy Rohrs



Dick & Helen Malzahn



John & Shirley Bowers



Tom & Bea Commer



Steve & Margaret Simmons





First Wednesday Social January 7



Gloria Hill



Larry Harper



Margaret Simmons



George Suther



Wanda Beasley



Larry Shannon



Deb Dupper



Frank Easton



Patty Jo Clayton



Harry Blackiston



Teri Godfrey



Bill Naabe



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Dave Donnelly



Robin Lewis



George Hafer



Clive Bailey



John Bowers



Jane Willis



Mike Seibel



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Howard Howe



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John Schiffgen



Bonnie Williams



Greg Nikles



Pat Keegan



Michael Godwin



Marge Lynch



Artie Martin



Carol Bailey



Joe Knight



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Vivian O'Dell



Hendrik Gelderloos



Carol Bailey



Jim Hansen



Donna Seibel



Paul Kraemer



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Teresa Mickiewicz



Karyn Klos



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Betty Held



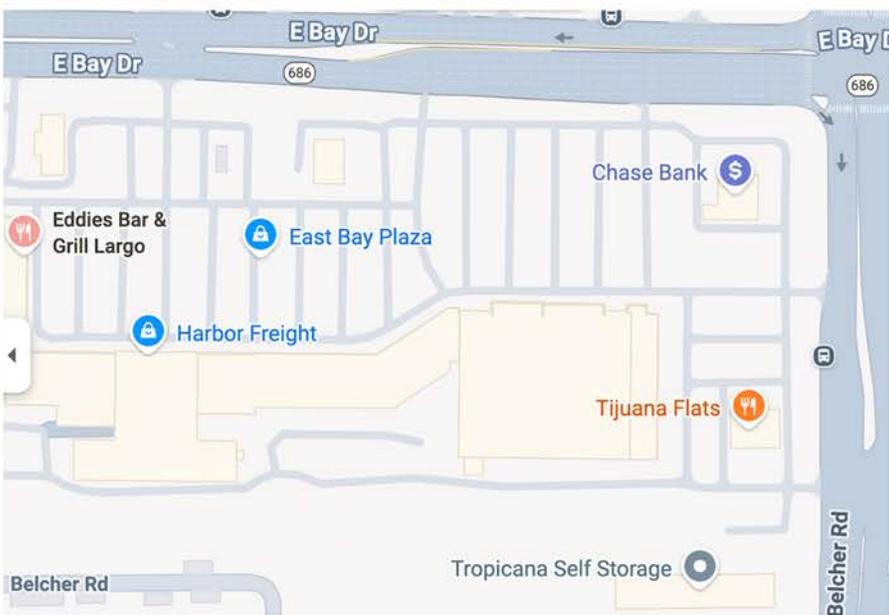
Cathy Naabe



Argie Easton



!Big Changes! !Pay Attention!



Starting in February - two big changes to the socials. First, they are moving to **Tuesdays** instead of Wednesdays. Second, we are returning to the location we used to meet at a few years back. What was Fat Cat is now **Eddie's Bar & Grill** - same location, different name. The new owners have really cleaned up the place and are working with Al to create a new dinner menu for our group. So please plan to join us on **TUESDAY, February 3 at EDDIE'S BAR & GRILL, 3665 E Bay Dr, Largo, FL 33771**
Register now at:
<https://form.jotform.com/260153917352152>



A Blast from the Past



JUST FOR THE RECORD

It was in the spring of 1957 that the above building, containing 98,000 sq. ft., became known to the citizens of Pinellas County as the Honeywell, Florida plant. Given the charter of inertial navigation, the plant, by the end of 1957, employed 450 persons. This number increased to 1,000 in November, 1959, and today, four years later, Aero Florida has 4,200 employees working in buildings comprising over a half million sq. ft. of floor space.

These are images of two pages in the program for HI's 1963 open house. Glory days of 4,200 employees and a very large profile in the local community. Enjoy!

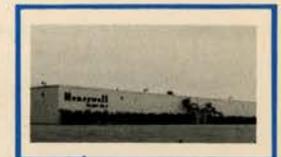
PLANT 1

Today, 1963, in addition to the original 98,000 sq. ft., 39,000 square feet was added in 1959, and, in 1962, an additional 40,000 sq. ft. was added.



PLANT 2

Second in the complex which is currently Aero Florida was built in 1960 and contains 36,000 square feet.



PLANT 3

Plant #3, built in 1962, has 100,000 sq. ft. and is dedicated to engineering.



ENVIRONMENTAL LAB

Also, completed in 1962, is the 10,000 square feet Environmental Lab. Here, Honeywell's navigation systems undergo extensive environmental tests to qualify them for the rigors of outer space.



PLANT 4

Latest addition to the Honeywell facility was completed in 1963 and contains 125,000 sq. ft. It is a manufacturing building utilizing the latest in modern machinery and production innovations.





Monthly Luncheon January 21



2026 luncheon was a terrific success. 105 in attendance! Welcoming new members. Welcoming new old members. What a way to start the new year! As we gathered for another great meal, we were introduced to the MVA staff - those folks who run the day-to-day operation of the association. We also got a glimpse of life in the American colonies in 1776 as we prepare to celebrate the semiquincentennial of our great country. Our founding fathers had insight into concepts that were totally foreign to 18th Century life, and introduced the concept of inalienable rights, consent of the governed and many other ideas that we all take for granted today, but back then, they were truly revolutionary. Let's take time this year to celebrate our good fortune for having been born into this greatest experiment in self-governing - and pray that it does not go off the tracks as we struggle with many social challenges in as we move forward.



Paul Kraemer's photo booth continues to be a popular attraction for luncheon attendees. Paul is our staff photographer and does a terrific job of capturing the spirit and essence of each MVA event. All the photos in all our newsletters are shot by Paul.





Monthly Luncheon January 21



Shirley Bowers, Shirley Murphy, Al Shields



Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring



*Shirley Murphy, Howard Howe, Genevieve Urbanski,
Larry Harper, Carol Bailey, Ben & Emilie Carter*



Dear naps,
sorry I was a jerk to you
when I was a kid



Monthly Luncheon January 21



Mary Reffelt, Shirley Bowers,
Vivian O'Dell, Deb Dupper



Teri Godfrey, Bea Conner, PJ Clayton,
Terri Beamer, Wendy Hugar



Martha & Mike Ross, Lynn & Frank Neri



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Al Parisi, Everett Jones



Paul Krahmer, Bryan Martinez, Faith Krahmer



Greg & Julie Zajdel



Dennis & Jane Willis



Betty Held, John Schiffgen



Vivian O'Dell, Mary Reffelt



Paul Krahmer, Anne Schreiner



Ben & Emilie Carter



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Greg & Julie Zajdel



Deborah & Joe Abrahamson



Richard & Mary Reffelt



John & Shirley Bowers



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Tom & Bea Conner



Carol & Lou DeLaTorre



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John Voissem



Nancy Dalton



John Bowers



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Patti Marchand



Clyde Schreiner



Gloria Whitfield



Jeff Ring



Betsy King



Frank Easton



Carol Janney



Mark Barlow



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Thomas & Michelle Stotler



Michael Godfrey



Barbara Brash



Dick Malzahn



Gerry Sturm



John Schiffgen



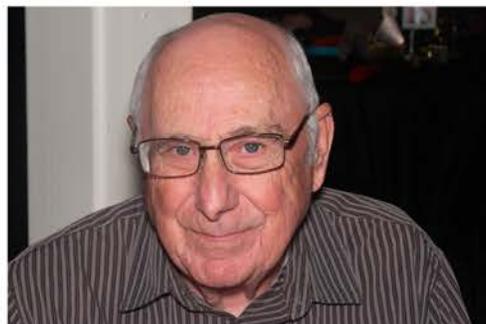
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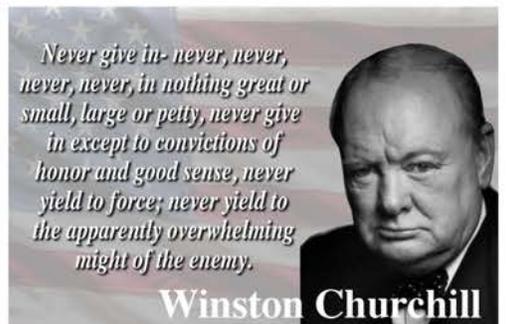
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Mary Reffelt



Larry Harper



Winston Churchill



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Jane Willis



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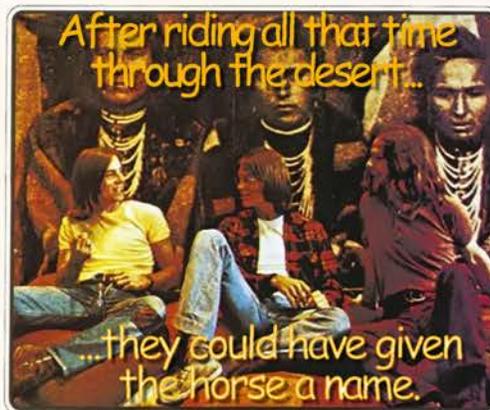


Remember this?



My doctor asked if anyone in my family was suffering from mental illness...

I said, "No - we all seem to be enjoying it!"



After riding all that time through the desert...

...they could have given the horse a name.



Everyone has the right to be stupid

But some people abuse the privilege



Happy Birthday from MVA!



- 02/03 Cheryl Acosta
- 02/06 Michael Vander-Syde
- 02/08 Bonnie Williams
- 02/09 Suzanne Francis
- 02/10 Roxanne Lindquist
- 02/11 Anthony Hill
- 02/15 Ben Carter
- 02/15 Janis Friend
- 02/16 Ellen Sturtevant
- 02/16 Martha Tisdell-Willis
- 02/18 Annita Gaunt
- 02/21 David Silvera
- 02/23 Frank Easton
- 02/25 Eva Jones
- 02/28 Michael Siebel

